

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

CD NO.

COUNTRY East Germany

DATE DISTR 23 January 1953

SUBJECT Ministry for National Forces

NO. OF PAGES 3

PLACE
ACQUIREDNO. OF ENCLS.
(LISTED BELOW)DATE OF
INFO.

25X1

SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO.

25X1

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES, WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 18, SECTIONS 793 AND 794, OF THE U. S. CODE, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS TO OR RECEIPT BY AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. THE REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

25X1

25X1

1.

the finance department of the Ministry of National Forces at the Ministry of the Interior is subdivided into the following sections: Finanzinspektion (budgetary control), Finanzoperation (financial operations), Finanzplanung (financial planning) and Besoldung (salaries). The Finanzinspektion section controls the budgets of all agencies of the National Forces. At present, it has three control groups. The Finanzoperation section establishes the budgets for the National Forces and also for the Dienst fuer Deutschland (Service for Germany) and Sport und Technik (Association for Athletics and Technology) organizations. After 1 October 1952, no funds were allocated to the Ministry for State Security. The Accounting Office which is responsible for registering and checking all bills for the Ministry of National Forces is assigned to the Finanzoperation section.¹
2. Personnel of the financial department included: Major General Walter Allenstein Chief of the financial department.

Colonel Reinhold (fnu)	Deputy to Allenstein and chief of the Finanzinspektion section.
Major Franz (fnu)	Chief of the first control group.
Major Raethel (fnu)	Chief of the second control group.
Major Horenberg (fnu)	Chief of the third control group.
Lieutenant Colonel Ueckerdt (fnu)	Chief of the Finanzoperation section.
Captain Jahn (fnu)	Chief of the Accounting Office.
Lieutenant Colonel Kurt Kramer	Chief of the Finanzplanung section.
Lieutenant Colonel Max Seidel	Chief of the Besoldung section.
Captain Lenkeit (fnu)	Assigned to the Besoldung section. ²

CLASSIFICATION

SECRET

25X1

STATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NAVY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NSRB		DISTRIBUTION														
ARMY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FBI																

SECRET

25X1

- 2 -

- 25X1 3. The Ministry of National Forces is still headed by Minister Willi Stoph.

Officers assigned to the ministry included:

Major General <u>Bernhard</u> Bechler	Chief of staff.
Lieutenant Colonel Tschitschke (fnu)	Assistant to Bechler.
Major General Professor Walter (fnu)	Chief of the medical section. Walter has his headquarters at 37/43 Glinka Strasse; he was previously assigned to the Ministry of Health.
Major Fritz Peter	Military adjutant to the minister. He attended a training course in Moscow.
Captain Lange (fnu)	Since 15 October, chief of the secretariat; he came from the Kasernierte Volkspolizei Dienststelle (KVPD) in Erfurt.
Senior Lieutenant Gieseler (fnu)	Chief of the arms stock room in the ministry.

25X1 There have been only minor changes in the personnel assigned to the ministry
Approximately 12 million eastmarks have been allocated in the
budget for the period from 1 October to 31 December 1952.³

4. The former Bureau for Economic Affairs has been assigned to the Ministry of National Forces. The bureau now functions as the central supply headquarters for the National Forces. State Secretary Bernd Weinberger is at present chief of the supply system.⁴

- 25X1 5. [] plans have been worked out for the establishment of transport control headquarters and the organization of a train control system. The pertinent agencies are to be set up during 1952 and the SCC has approved the proposals for the payment of the officers concerned.

- 25X1 1. [] Comment. The report again underlines the obvious connection between the National Forces and the premilitary Dienst fuer Deutschland and Sport und Technik organizations. The clear-cut division between the National Forces and the state security service is also pointed up. The report furthermore proves that press reports to the effect that the border police is to be attached to the national forces are unfounded.

- 25X1 2. [] Comment. Some of the key personnel were members of the financial department of the former MVA, while Lieutenant Colonel Wockerdt (fnu) held the same assignment in the Hauptverwaltung Deutsche Volkspolizei (Main Administration of the German Volkspolizei) (HWDVP).

- 25X1 3. [] Comment. It is believed that no head of the Ministry of National Forces will be named until this ministry is officially detached from the Ministry of the Interior. The exact organizational setup of the Ministry of National Forces is not known. The statement that Major General Walter Bechler is chief of staff of the National Forces is at variance with press reports, according to which General Vincenz Mueller was named to this position. Bechler possibly is only chief of staff of a section of the ministry. Lieutenant Colonel Tschitschke (fnu) and Captain Lange (fnu) formerly belonged to the

SECRET

25X1

25X1

SECRET

25X1

- 3 -

KVPDS in Buchlhausen and Erfurt respectively.

- 25X1 4. Comment. It remains to be seen, whether the former Bureau for Economic Affairs will be reactivated at a later date, possibly as Ministry of Armaments and then established as an independent agency. The development will depend on Soviet decisions.

SECRET

25X1